

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 867

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A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Curtis C. Sexton on the occasion of a public school facility being named in his honor.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize a gentleman who has rendered loyal and compassionate service to Anderson County Schools, the system's students and their families, and the community at large, thus making his home county an even better place to live for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the gymnasium at Lake City Middle School was recently named in honor of Dr. Curtis C. Sexton to express the community's appreciation for Dr. Sexton's numerous contributions to Anderson County Schools over the years; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Rocky Top and a seventh-generation East Tennessean, Dr. Sexton was educated in Scott County Schools, Monroe County Schools, and Tennessee Technological University before graduating from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in June 1962; and

WHEREAS, he currently practices medicine part time with Community Health of East Tennessee, Inc., in LaFollette and is affiliated with numerous area hospitals; and

WHEREAS, in addition to practicing medicine, Dr. Sexton is a true friend of public education and was instrumental in the creation of The Education Foundation for Clinton City and Anderson County Schools more than fifteen years ago; and

WHEREAS, he served as a member of the Anderson County Board of Education that voted to merge Lake City High School and Norris High School into the new Anderson County High School; he was also actively involved in the selection of Anderson County High School's mascot, the Maverick, and the school colors of navy blue and gray; and

WHEREAS, in November 2018, Dr. Sexton was recognized by The Education Foundation as a Gail Martin Champion of Hope "for extraordinary commitment to the success of every student, every day"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sexton is a longtime supporter of education and community activities within Anderson County, having served as a member of the Election Commission, the Lake City Optimist Club, the United Way, the Anderson County and East Tennessee Regional Health Councils, and the Anderson County Health Department Advisory Board; chairman of the Anderson County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board and the Anderson County Schools Vocational Advisory Board; and a founding board member for the Boys and Girls Club of North Anderson County; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable gentleman has also served as a trustee for Carson-Newman University and a member of the State Health Planning Council, the Tennessee Labor Workforce Board, and the Health Facilities Commission; and

WHEREAS, a deacon at Main Street Baptist Church in Rocky Top for many years, Dr. Sexton exercises and expresses his faith by working with several ministries in the East Tennessee area; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Curtis Sexton is a gentleman whose life is a testament to the value of civic engagement, and he is worthy of our approbation on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Dr. Curtis C. Sexton on the occasion of the Lake City Middle School gymnasium being named in his honor, salute his countless contributions and ongoing commitment to public education in Anderson County, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.